

The local traditions of Galloway give further details of the meeting at Craigen Callie. They state that the widow Annabel had three sons instead of two, each by a different husband, by the names of Mackie, Murdoch and McClurg. They were called upon by the King to show their skill with their weapons, and Mackie pierced the heads of two Crows, seated on a rock, with a single arrow, while Murdoch placed his arrow in the heart of a raven flying overhead, dropping it at his feet.

After the battle of Bannockburn had seated Bruce firmly on the throne of Scotland, he wished to reward the three brothers, who had served with him in all his campaigns, and they obtained permission to refer the question to their mother who said she would like "the wee bit hassock atween Palmure and Pentell," a triangle with a base of three miles along the River Cree, and extending five miles back into the interior. The "Hassock" was given her, and divided between the three sons, - Mackie of Larg, Murdoch of Cumbloden and McClurg of Kironchtree. The King also granted them arms, those of Murdoch, as recorded in the Lyon Register, being "two ravens hanging paleways, Sable, with an arrow through both their heads proper." His Crest was "a raven rising, Sable, having an arrow thrust through his heart, Gules, headed and feathered, Argent."

Motto Omnia Pro bono

All things for good

This old tradition has sometimes been questioned, but the grant of Arms to Murdoch, and the fact